

Stem cells from adipose tissue, and differentiated cells from said cells

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The invention concerns adult multipotent human stem cells, characterized in that they have:

- i) significant telomerase activity,
- ii) an HLA Class I negative phenotype,
- iii) a normal karyotype,
- 10 iv) a capacity to become quiescent,
- v) a capacity for self-renewal preserved for at least 130 population doublings.